

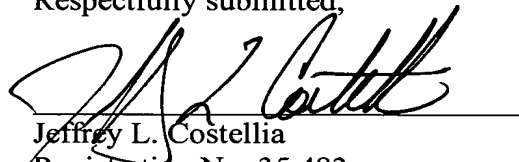
REMARKS

The Office Action of January 12, 2004 was received and carefully reviewed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the currently pending rejections are requested for the reasons advanced in detail below. Although page 1 of the Office Action refers to only claims 1-32, claims 1-34 are currently pending, as provided in the rejection on page 2 of the Office Action.

Specifically, referring to the Office Action, claims 1-34 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-27 of U.S. Patent No. 5,403,772. In response to this rejection, Applicants hereby submit a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) to overcome this rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of record be reconsidered and withdrawn by the Examiner, that claims 1-34 be allowed and that the application be passed to issue. If a conference would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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